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1. WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING NTB ANALYSIS SHEETS ATTACHED TO REFAIR AND WILL SUBMIT OUR COMMENTS, IF ANY, ON EACH SHEET AS DATA BECOMES AVAILABLE. ALL SIGNIFICANT UNILATERAL DUTCH NTB'S OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE ARE COVERED IN SOME FASHION BY SHEETS. WE SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT STR REVIEW DISCUSSION OF DUTCH NTB'S IN BOOK ENTITLED "PROSPECTS FOR ELIMINATING NON-TARIFF DISTORTIONS" EDITED BY PROF. ANTHONY E. SCAPERLANDA OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY. GENERAL CONCLUSION OF THIS RESEARCH, WHICH FOCUSES PRIMARILY ON CATEGORY 1, IS THAT DUTCH NTB'S ARE MODEST AND OF LITTLE SIGNIFICANCE IN TERMS OF TRADE DISTORTION. WE AGREE WITH THAT CONCLUSION.

2. OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH GON TRADE POLICY OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT DUTCH, WORKING THROUGH EC DELEGATION, WILL CONCENTRATE ON US NTB'S IN FOLLOWING FIELDS:
(A) SHIPPING PROVISIONS OF ENERGY TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT,
(B) RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSSHIPMENT OF FILLED CONTAINERS,
(C) REGULATIONS AGAINST USE OF FOREIGN-OWNED OR FOREIGN-
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